

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 06 November 2002
Name of applicant/court: New Zealand Customs Service
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
Title of Publication: Making & Relining Rifle Barrels
Other Known Title(s): Making And Relining Rifle Barrels; Making & Relining Rifle Barrels Number 033
Director(s): Not Applicable
Producer(s): Not Applicable
Publisher: H & P Publishing
Author(s): Harold Hoffman
Format: Book
Country of Origin: USA
Language(s): English

Feature: Running time:
Trailers: Running time:
Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

Direction to issue a label has been given on: **Not Applicable.**

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Making & Relining Rifle Barrels* is classified as: Unrestricted.

The book does not pass through any of the "subject matter gateways" of sex, horror, crime, cruelty or violence as interpreted by the Court of Appeal in *Living Word Distributors v Human Rights Action Group (Wellington)* [2000] 3 NZLR 570. The 138 page book published in 1992 in the US is a technical manual on aspects of gunsmithing. The book discusses various processes related to the manufacture, repair and maintenance of rifle barrels. The primary purpose of the book is informing professional gunsmiths on matters of technical interest. The book presumes a significant level of metal-working and gun knowledge in the reader. It presumes expertise with and access to expensive, precise and sometimes sophisticated metalwork machinery and equipment, and the motivation to create tools and equipment such as precision cutters.

The book does not describe, depict, express, or otherwise deal with either crime or violence. As a result the book cannot be classified in any way other than unrestricted. The rights and freedoms of expression in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 are not limited in any way.

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